

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 718

By Williams

## A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Swan H. Kitts of Maynardville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Swan H. Kitts; and

WHEREAS, Swan Kitts was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Judge Charles S. and Bess Evans Kitts, Swan Kitts was a native of Union County, where he was a highly respected member of the Maynardville community; and

WHEREAS, born on July 6, 1921, in Maynardville, Swan Kitts attended Horace Maynard High School; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country as a member of the United States Army in the European and African Theatres during world War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kitts then served with acumen and alacrity as a Tennessee Highway Patrolman stationed at Kingsport, Johnson City, Tazewell, and Rutledge, earning the respect of his fellow patrolmen and his community alike for his dedication to public safety; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as the Sheriff of Union County from 1958 until 1963, and from 1966 until 1968; he also lent his professional talents as the Union County Court Clerk from 1969 until 1970; and

WHEREAS, Swan Kitts contributed his expertise to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officer's Association and the National Sheriff's Association and stood as a Kentucky Colonel for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in several civic organizations, Mr. Kitts held membership in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the J.C. Baker Lodge, #720 F&AM, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Kerbella Temple; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Swan Kitts is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Mary Elizabeth Fancher Kitts; his daughters, Janice K. Bowman and Vivian Jean Kitts; his granddaughter and her husband, Paula and Jason Booker; his grandson and his wife, Travis and Michella Bowman; and his great-granddaughters, Madison Mae and Aubrey Elizabeth Booker; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Wanda Kitts, nephews Ronald and Richard Boatman, niece Judy Patton, and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Kitts was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Kitts Boatman; and

WHEREAS, Swan Kitts leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Swan H. Kitts of Maynardville, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a public servant and human being and his stalwart commitment to protecting and serving his fellow citizens. We express our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.